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Five New Commems Announced

Cachels For Highway Post Office Service

Although this notice was received too late for the benefit of the greatest number of readers, it is hoped that a sufficient number of them will be able to take advantage of it. In any case, airmail and/or special delivery are advised to get covers to the proper offices in time. The various post offices might consider the servicing of covers if they are not more than two days late. In any event it is worth the try, for the covers will be returned in case they do not make the various trips. ious trips.

The notice from the Post Office Department states that Motor Vehicle Highway Post Office Service, by Government-owned and operated Highway Post Office motor vehicles, between the following-named cities will be inaugurated during the period of May 17 to May 31, 1948, or shortly thereafter: thereafter:

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Willitts and San Francisco,
Calif., H. P. O.
A special cachet will be used

A special cachet will be used and stamp collectors desiring first-trip cancellations should dend their covers properly prepared and ready for mailing with postage prepaid at the first-class rate to the postmaster at terminal cities of each route on which first-day cancellations are desired. On each route, the initial trip between the first-named and last-named cities will be designated "Trip 1"; the initial trip between the last-named and first-named cities will be designated "Trip 2". Covers for cancellation should be properly addressed and stamped and sent under cover to the postmasters indicated, with

stamped and sent under cover to the postmasters indicated, with endorsement on the covering wrapper for dispatch on the first trip of the highway post office. All covers intended for first-day cancellation should be in the hands of the designated post-masters at an early date, and not later than May 15, 1948.

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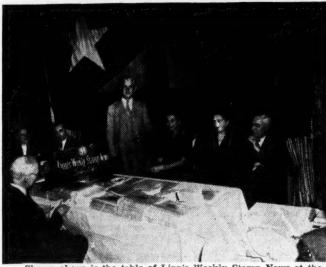
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Largest Rocket Mail Flight Researchers Release Details

Rocket mail, the fast communication system of the future. attained a complete success in its most recent small-scale preview, it was revealed today by officers of the Reaction Research Society of Glendale, California, which sponsored the project, held on March

With the official lifting of a Post Office directive which had delayed posting of the letters through regular channels for more than two weeks, the 4200 rocket covers were en route to their desti-

nations all over the globe from nations, was held. Each cover carried a Solution of Centennial Stamp, plus a special rocket cachet and stamp prepared by the Reaction Research Solution of the Reaction Research Solution of the flight were printed in blue, and show the p rocket stamps ever printed to show the actual takeoff of a rookket. All previous rocket stamps have shown drawings or abstract

Because of an alleged similarity between the Society-designed stamps and United States Government postage stamps, the roc-et mail project was investigated by the United States Attorney's office, and Society officials agreed to overprint each rocket stamp with the words "Not U. S.

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Stamps To Honor Canada And Indians Approved; Swede Commem O. K.'ed In Spite Of Veto

The most significant part of the announcement by the Post Office Department of five new commemorative stamps is the apparent fact that President Truman has reversed his original decision not to approve a stamp for the 100th Anniversary of the Coming of the Swedish Pioneers to the Mid-West. This stamp, plus one for Clara Barton, founder of the Red Cross, another for the Oregon Centennial, one for the coming of the Five Civilized Indian Tribes to Oklahoma and probably the most popular of the lot, a stamp to commemorate the 100 Years of Peace and Cooperation between the United States and Canada are all planned for issuance this year.

Department from interested groups.

all planned for issuance this year.

Heretofore there had been little indication that a stamp was being considered for an Oregon Territorial Centennial since one purported to be for the Opening of the Oregon Territory had been issued in 1936. It apparently commemorated the migration to the territory of several missionary groups, the one of the American Board Mission led by Marcus Whitman and Henry Spalding becoming established in 1836. The newly announced stamp will be in commemoration of the organization of the region as a Territory of the United States which occurred on August 14, 1848. Originally, the Oregon Territory included the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and parts of Montana and Wyoming. Oregon became a state on February 14, 1859.

Possibly the Oregon stamp will

Possibly the Oregon stamp will be released on August 14 in keeping with the Centennial date. It can also be surmised that the stamp will receive a first day of issue from several cities because of the magnitude of the area covered.

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There has been some agitation for a number of years for a stamp to honor the Red Cross and its founder in the United States. The Post Office Department neglected to take advantage of the opportunity of issuing a commemorative stamp in 1939 and 1944 when the 75th and 80th Anniversaries of the International Red Cross founding was celebrated by many nations of the world. The fact that the stamp will honor Clara Barton, founder of the National Red Cross, is an honor well placed, for this lady was the backbone and the driving force of the establishment of the movement in this country. (See "Anof the establishment of the move-ment in this country. (See "An-gel of Mercy", Linn's issue of March 1, 1948, page 6. An excel-lent biography of Clara Barton by George Hammond.) The stamp to commemorate the coming of the Swedish Pioneers to the Mid-West is a stamp the announcement of which will cause some eve brow raising. This is

some eye brow raising. This is a reversal of the veto that Presia reversal of the veto that President Truman had given to a resolution for such a stamp just a few weeks ago. Postmaster General Donaldson's announcement that the stamp will be issued denotes that there was a tremendous amount of pressure put on the President and the Post Office

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groups.

While no first day city was named, nor a first day of issue, it can be expected that this stamp will be released to the public on June 4. That was the date originally requested, and the date that will be the one of planned celebrations by various organized groups. Since the descendants of the original Swedish Pioneers now live in Illinois, Minnesota and the Dakotas, it is possible that several cities will have the first day privilege.

Also when the issue was orig-

Also when the issue was originally proposed, it was asked that the denomination be five cents to

inally proposed, it was asked that the denomination be five cents to cover the foreign letter rate, and also that it be issued in bi-color. There is a fine chance for the bi-color too, for the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has stated that it was filled to capacity with the printing order for the Wisconsin and the Four Chaplains stamps which are to be released on May 28 and 29. If this is so, the only remaining press capacity is the flat bed presses which are a relatively slow process.

Without doubt, President Truman submitted to political pressure, for the reasons that he gave when he vetoed the resolution recently seemed legitimate at the time. It was his contention that if a special stamp were issued for the citizens of Swedish extraction, then it would-also be necessary that stamps be issued for the former residents of other nations who had migrated to this country and who had helped to build it to the fine nation that it is today.

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Another matter of policy was to have been established at the time of the presidential veto. This was the observation by the President that the Postmaster General had the power and the ability to designate and to issue stamps for such events in which his de-

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of its various rulers.

BELGIUM CONGO: A series
honoring native art is scheduled for issue soon. The series
will be bi-colored and consists
of 19 values ranging from 10c
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BOLIVIA: Former president Gregorio Pacheco is to be honored
by a series of commemorative

by a series of commemorative stamps which will be issued

this month.

BRITISH COLONIES: The rumors concerning the sets of Royal Wedding Silver Jubilees, have finally taken concrete shape. According to information just received; the Crown Agents plan to issue 48 sets for use in the Crown Colonies and other British possessions. Each

other British possessions. Each set will consist of two values; the low value being the inland

letter rate and the other will be the highest denomination in the regular current series. For ex-

ample British Guiana will have a 2½ pence and a 5 shilling while Gibraltar will have a 1½d. and a 1 Pound. According

to the plan now under consider-

ation all of the stamps will be of the same design and the of the same design and the colors will be the same as those

of stamps of the current series.

BUGARIA: A new set has just been issued to commemorate

ing a man reading; a 201. blue,

showing a girl playing an accordion; 40l. green, showing a group of people listening to music, and a 60l. sepia, showing a girl with a ball.

been issued honoring Andres

The postage set consists of a

20c ultramarine, a 30c rose, a 40c green, and a 1 sucre black,

60c lake, a 1.30 deep green and

HUNGARY: We illustrate one of the two new values added to the centenary set issued last

month, these are an 8f. henna red, showing a flag, and 30f.

air mail set consists of a

of its various rulers.

this month.

with an inscription in Magyar Both also bear the dates-1848-



ROUMANIA: We illustrate a new commemorative series just received, honoring the new constitution of the popular Republic; denominations are as follows: 1 leu rose red, 2 lei orange yellow, and 12 lei blue.

Special Cachet Offered For The Four Chaplains Stamp

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the national program for recre-ational activities. Denomina-tions are 4 leva scarlet, show-An original painting of the incident hangs in the New York offices of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, at 381 of Christians and Jews, at 381 Fourth Avenue. The Conference, which is dedicated to fostering understanding, amity, justice and cooperation among people of all faiths and nationalities, will sponsor a special cacheted cover for the "Four Chaplains" stamp, one nicture actually showing the the "Four Chaplains" stamp, one picture actually showing the four clergymen as depicted on the stamp, the other a dramatic picturization taken from the original painting showing the four chaplains standing on the deck with locked arms as the ship is going down. new set has just

going down.

The first day covers will be available at 25 cents apiece or five for a dollar. Orders with remittance should be addressed to P. O. Box 302, Pleasantville, N. Y. Any profit from this enterprise will be devoted to the work of the above organization, the National Conference of Christians and Jews

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Cachet Commemorates Landing Of Zeppelin

A cachet will be sponsored by the St. Louis Hobby Fair in commemoration of the 25th Anniver-sary of the landing of the Navy ZR-1 (the world's largest airship at that time) at the International Air Races on October 2, 1923 at St. Louis, Missouri. Covers should be self addressed, air mail stamp-ed and accompanied by 1c per

cover for handling.

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For The 30TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR CELEBRATION UNITED STATES AIR MAIL SERVICE May 15-21

by Jesse M. Donaldson, Postmaster General

Thirty years ago, on May 15, 1918, the Post Office Department inaugurated the first Air Mail Service. The first route ran between Washington, D. C., and New York City, 218 miles

This was the beginning of a Service which has grown until today it reaches into every corner of the United States. Even more than that, there is no spot on the globe that is not served either directly or indirectly by our Air Mail Service, speeding communications to their destinations in a matter of hours, which 30 years ago took days and weeks to deliver. Air Mail has become a vital cog in our Postal Establishment, an instrument which has proved itself invaluable, and a Service which the people could not do without.

But as we look back to the time when the first fledgling of the Air Mail Service took to the skies on that historic day in

1918, we must realize that Air Mail has done more than give to our country a speedy means of communication. Rather, the United States Air Mail Service in those early days was the mainspring, the one great impetus, the lifeblood of air trans-

mainspring, the one great impetus, the lifeblood of air transport and the aviation industry.

Air Mail gave those early pioneers in air transport the means, the incentive and the inspiration to develop aviation. Night flying, navigation and landing aids, airplane development and all those things which today are commonplace in air transport were hastened immeasurably because of the faith of postal officials in the belief that Air Mail should and would become an important part of postal communication facilities.

And so today, as we celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the United States Air Mail Service, we want to do more than stress Air Mail. I believe that we have a message to carry to our people—a message that will bring about a better understanding of the vital necessity that aviation and air transport

standing of the vital necessity that aviation and air transport continue to grow and prosper, not only for postal needs, but for the well-being and security of our people, and of the peoples of the world.

We must keep alive the spirit of those early pioneers who overcame disappointment and obstacles in their determination that aviation would succeed. They were right. Aviation has come to the forefront in our national and international commerce, it has proved a real force in preserving for our country a system of government based on democratic principles, and it will in the days that are ahead play a leading role in our

relations with the peoples and the nations of the world.

We can be proud of the part that the Postal Service through its Air Mail Service has played in the development of our country's air arm. We shall continue the policy that has been laid down for us—to encourage air transport and the development of the aviation industry for our own postal needs, for the

ment of the aviation industry for our own postal needs, for the public interest and for our national welfare.

Thus, in celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the birth of the United States Air Mail Service from May 15 to 21, we will be doing more than calling to the attention of the American people the many advantages that Air Mail has given them, and will give them in the days ahead.

Rather, we will be delivering a message that can be summed up briefly: "We are living in an Air Age; we must keep pace with this Air Age."

Twelve Value Set Soon From Italy

Enclosed in a first day cover of the new two value Constitution set of Italy, sent through the courtesy of the Compagnia Sammarinese per il Commercio Estero S. A., Rome, Italy, was the word that this set like several previous ones was issued without any forewarning to collectors. Complaints on the part of the collectors and clubs of Italy has been of no avail to alter and to improve the situation.

In the very near future, the Italian Post Office will release a set of twelve stamps to commemorate the Centenary of the First War of Independence which was waged between Piedmont (an original Italian state) and Austria. The series will contain stamps for regular postage and airmail both.

In by acctate manufacturers following appearance of the struct. At words taken courage to publish our rebuttal, factual as it was, but the editorial staff turned it down.

We do not believe that readers are so ignorant as to believe the prejudiced remarks that have been made; we hope that they will not be so unkind as to believe the doubts cast on our motives and intentions. Certainly, since we do not manufacture cellulose acctate mounts, one can hardly call us biassed. We leave it to Likhw's readers to decide if the contrary statements are tinged with a desire for personal profit.

To date no one has cared to dispute the facts as given by the Burcau of Standard in Washington on the subjects cellulose acctate is NOT recommended for stamps. To date this magazine has deigned NOT to print actual signed statements sent them by unfortunate collectors who have suffered losses from the use of cellulose acctate mounts, preferring to print letters from manufacturers whose only interest in the discussion is a desire to sell more mounts.

We went into this thing with the sole desire of performing a philatelic serview. We have come out of it with the conviction that collectors prefer to ignore any unselfish efforts made in their behalf. To date all that we have received from the discussion is a half dozen letters from collectors who have applied and two from dealers; threats from a dozen dealers who claim that we have spoiled their business (one of them attempting to bribe us with some business if we'd lay off); one contemplated libel action, and about \$50 in expenses, including the cost of this advertisement.

It takes courage, we'll repeat, but it isn't worth it. Use the sectate if you wish; we'll stick to hinges, knowing that there isn't an important collection in the country that doesn't also use them, and realising that the Association for Stamp Exhibitions (which real TIPEX and CIPEX) frown on ALL types of transmission muniting devices.

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Precancel Market Bulletin. An innovation in the Precancel field was started some short time ago by D. O. Blackmon of Corcoran, Calif. when he started his Precancel Market Bulletin with its Bulletin Board showing the bid and asking price of various desireable Bureau Prints. Selling on a low commission there is of set of twelve stamps to commemorate the Centenary of the First War of Independence which books etc., as well as a fine showing of all U. S. issues.

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A last minute note to remind you of the Precancel Get-togethyou of the Precancel Get-togeth-er at Richmond Ind., May 15th and 16th. Plan to spend a little time there if at all possible. You won't regret it. Collectors other-than the Precancel Type are in-vited to give the meet the once over, all will be welcome.

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297	5c Pan American	1.00	J18	5c Red Brown (1889)	
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616	5c Huguenot Walloon	1.50	O52	12c Post Office	-
619	5c Lexington Concord	1.15	O53	15c Post Office	1
620	2c Norse American	.38	O55	30c Post Office	
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628	5c Ericsson	.32	O61	7c State	1
650	5c Aeronautics	.32	074	3c Treasury	
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269		Dark Brown	85	414	8c	Olive Green		_	.86
279b	20	Red (1898)	- ,18	415	9c	Salmon Red		-	1.15
279d		Orange Red	40	416	10c	Orange Yell	ow	-	1.25
281		Blue	50	436	3c	Violet (1914	-15)	3.36	.52
283	60	Lake	- 1.75	427				_	1.25
301	20	Carmine	.18	443		Endwise Co		1.10)	.55
308		Purple Black	80	443			(Pair	1.10)	.86
320		Carmine, Imperf		444	2c		(Pair	4.75)	2.25
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336		Red Orange		503		Brown (191		- 00	.45
337		Olive Green	58	506		Orange			.85
338		Yellow	- 1.35	507				2.20	.50
339		Blue Green	1.45	508		Olive Bistre Salmon Red		2.20	.35
340		Pale Ultramarine		509		Orange Yelle		-	.33
341		Violet		514		Gray			2.25
342		Green. Imperf 1.5		515		Ultramarine		_	.90
343				516		Red Orange		4.30	1.05
344		Violet. Imperf 8.5		517		Red Violet		4100	1.10
346		Brown, Imperf 10.2		518		Violet Black		-	2.70
347		Blue, Imperf 20.5		523		Or. & Blac		-	34.50
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368		Lincoln, Imperf 11.00	2.75	578	1c	Green, Impe	rf (1923)	2.60	.65
371		Alaska-Yuk, Imperf -	3.80	576		Yellow Brow		.68	.17
373	20	HudFulton Imperf 12.78				Carmine, In	-,	.75	.18
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Li Takes Courage

Many times in the past this publication has come boldly to the front and has printed material which we knew would irk someone, most often some dealer who has used our columns to advertise his wares, whether they be stamps or



philatelic accessories. Your editor is the son of a man who published a newspaper when this editor was born. That was back in the days when newspapers felt an obligation to their readers and when advertising pressure had not yet been developed to the point wherein a heavy advertiser often can wield a great influence on what a paper may print. In printing this material we could have done it in two different ways, either a brief statement of the known facts without explanation or comment or a thorough article in which we

would carefully point out the facts and dwell on them to such an extent as to make them clearly understandable and plain to the most amateur collector. We usually used the latter method and have thus been severely censored for it by those who have felt that we were stepping on their toes. From the reader angle we have had much encouragement in the way of approval of our actions, yet most of those who have approved have acted in such a manner that we are led to believe their support is fickle, for while they have in many cases written us letters approving our stand they at the same time support the other publications which have steadfastly kept their seat on the middle of the fence with an attempt to balance themselves so carefully that they never get on either side.

In the earlier days of Philatelic Journalism in this country the publishers and publications were thoroughly independent. This was back in the days when there was not a single publication except the one weekly of those days that was self supporting. In later years when actual competition in the philatelic publishing field began to develop, there gradually came a change in the attitude of the publishers and editors and we can see where other influences began to creep in. Perhaps Charles E. Severn was one of the first of the bigger editors to sense the trend of things and he was an expert at taking neither side but hoeing a row down the middle of any controversey that might come along.

For myself, as I have said, my father was a newspaper man when I was born. He was of the school that was independent of the pressure that can be exerted today by the advertiser. I had always believed that that was the right and proper function of any newspaper, to first consider the good of its subscribers and I have always acted in that man-

I do not believe there is another philatelic publication today that has followed that rule. Despite our independence we have gathered a host of friends and stand today, we believe near the top in American Philatelic Journalism.

Recently we have had occasion to print numerous articles about the use of cellulose acetate and similar transparent stamp mounts. We did this in good faith, due to our own experiences and due to the experience of other unbiased philatelists. We considered the information of value to the collector and for his own good. This matter has spread until it has become quite a controversial subject and there seems no end to it for we do believe that there are many instances whereby the use of this material has left no traces as a source for them. of destruction and to convince such users otherwise would be

Our final articles on this subject consisted of a thorough story by Mr. Herman Herst Jr., of whom we hold the highest opinion as a real philatelist and an honorable one, and after that was published we felt obligated to print a rebuttal to that article which was written by a manufacturer of one of these brands of mounts. We shall not express an opinion as to the merits of any of the articles, and we can not continue to thresh out these matters with brickbats being thrown by both sides for an indefinite period. During my stay in Florida in April it appears that our Mr. Rueth may have refused further space on this subject which was within policy. Now comes Mr. Herst with a bit of copy which he offers us as paid advertising and we are printing it as paid advertising under the same heading as is used on this editorial.

We hope that this will clear the matter for the time being and as for our future actions in matters of this nature we shall attempt to print any facts in a brief manner, leaving their analysis to the reader.

We know for a fact that most of the papers will not print anything of a controversial nature, we shall not promise to be that close about what we do print but we are definitely going to limit debate from ourselves or from our readers on such subjects.

History Of United States Air Mail Service Summarized

by H. M. Brehm PIONEER PERIOD

Probably most of the earlier mail carried in the air was done in planes owned by air-minded adventurers, barn-stormers, hedre-honors and dura-fock adventurers, barn-stormers, hedge-hoppers and durn fools, as they were called. In 1911 Earle they were called. In 1911 Earle Ovington carried some mail out of Garden City, L. I. which Postmaster General Hitchcock had handed to him in his plane—he carried it some 12 miles. Walter Brookins carried a bundle from St. Louis. Lincoln Beachey, from Rochester, N. Y. Destination was generally nowhere, but the letters became "air-mail". In 1912 California started the ball rolling, followed by most other States that year. Still no system, except possibly from city to city.

Official Government Flights
The first regular airmail route

Official Government Flights
The first regular airmail route
in the United States was inaugurated May 15, 1918 between Washington-Philadelphia-New York.
Followed shortly by Chicago-New
York. Then Washington - New
New York-Boston, New YorkCleveland-Chicago and still others in the same year. ers in the same year.

Contract Airmail

Beginning 1926, by Act of Congress, airmail carriers who had shown satisfactory service to the shown satisfactory service to the Postoffice Department, were awarded contracts for carrying mail over stated routes on a time-schedule. Generally, these early contracts carried heavy subsidies to encourage further pioneering. Route 1—Boston-New York was opened July 1, 1926.

Foreign Airmail
Route 1—New York-Montreal was opened October 1, 1928. Followed soon by routes to Victoria, Havana, Canal Zone, Mexico, Central America, South America.

Havana, Canal Zone, Mexico, Central America, South America.

Overseas Airmail

Started with mail carried around the world on the German airship Graf Zeppelin in 1930, and to the Chicago Fair in 1933. Our own trans-Atlantic airmail flying by planes began about that time. The trans-Pacific flights started in November 1935, carried by the famous China Clippers.

Note

In 1934 the postmaster General

In 1934 the postmaster General cancelled all contracts with carcancelled all contracts with carriers, because he deemed their charges too high. In an effort to force them down he gave the task of carrying the mails to the planes of the US Army. But those good pilots did not know how to combat snow and fog and darkness according to a time-table. After 6 months they had wrecked so many planes, lost so much mail and killed so many of themselves that the postoffice department gladly handed the job back to experienced carriers.

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friendly Australians, in fact, had the town keys turned over to them. As might be suspected, the inquiring radio reporter caught some of the boys as they hit the dock from their ships. One of the first of them was asked what would be his first project now that he was in Australia.

The sailor remarked that his first thought would be to go to the Sydney Post Office to get some of each of the Australian stamps that would be on sale there. Further inquiry revealed that this sailor was one of a large number of them on his ship that made it a point to buy stamps at each of their port of calls.

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Helicopter Mail Service For Chicago Is Quite Probable

A recommendation that Helicopter Air Service, Inc., a Chicago group, be awarded a five year certificate to permit air transportation of mail and cargo but the processor of the cargo but the cargo but the cargo better the cargo but the cargo but the cargo cargo and the cargo but the cargo cargo and the cargo but the cargo car transportation of mail and cargo
—but not passengers—between
Chicagoland communities, the
main downtown postoffice building, and the city airport, was
filed in Washington May 4, by
Civil Aeronautics Board Examiner Ferdinand D. Moran. The recommendation now goes to the
CAB for final action.

According to Moran's report to
the board, such a service would
speed mail deliveries in the Chicago metropolitan area from 18
to 42 hours. He said also that the
helicopter pickup of air mail

to 42 hours. He said also that the helicopter pickup of air mail would quicken air mail movements from this area to destinations all over the world, and asserted that postoffice policy is to make a careful trial of "every new facility affording a practical prospect for advancing postal transport."

"Chicago is typical of other large American cities in that the time gained by rapid transportation of much of its air mail to and from other cities is lost by reason of the distances involved and

from other cities is lost by reason of the distances involved and slow circuitous surface facilities between suburban points and the airport," Moran wrote.

If the CAB authorizes the service as recommended, Chicago will become the second city to have helicopter air mail service. Los Angeles has had copter air mail service for almost a year.

Angeles has had copter air mail service for almost a year. Helicopter Air Service was formed in 1946 by a group of naval air veterans, several business men, and several attorneys. Its head is T. H. (Ham) Reidy, a former navy fighter pilot with 10 Jap planes and a cruiser destroyed in combat on his war record. B. H. Harding, an attorney, is vice president. Charles Cessna, counsel and secretary, is another navy air veteran who is also an attorney.

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As a suggestion, some collect-

ors may wish to use two of the 3 cent Constitution stamps or the 15 cent air mail illustrating the sister ship, the Lockheed Con-stellation. For those desiring the 15 cent air post stamp on the prepared covers from the Lockheed Stamp Club an additional 10 cents (or a total of 25 cents) per cover must be forwarded. The club will use the 3 cent Constitution commemorative postage stamps, if available, or the 5 cent air post on covers serviced by them.

The Lockheed Stamp Club has

for some time sponsored several Veteran's Hospital stamp clubs and will use a portion of these funds to supply these clubs with philatelic materials and supplies.

SPECIAL CORRECTION

The Herrick Stamp Co., of 43 Herrick Drive, Lawrence, L. I. New York, had sent in a copy change for their ad of May 10th which arrived too late to be entered.

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Carl Pelander, one of New Yorks' leading stamp auction houses has announced that the famed Ferris Tows collection will

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being the principal part of this great collection.

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Mr. Pelander will make due announcement of dates and other details at a later date.

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Office Department.

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The author tells about essays submitted by bidders which were rejected; the delightful story of a foreign - printed Confederate stamp; another that was prepared but never issued; the first copperplate stamp; the real classic of the

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The book is obtainable from The Dietz Press, Inc. Richmond 19, Va. at the price of one dollar.

CORRECTION

Attention is called to the ad of the Harmony Stamp Shop, Box 82, Dept A. Cooper Sta., New York 3, N. Y., in our issue of April 26th, In the prices given blocks serviced on cover should have read 12c per block plus face instead of 21c plus face. This was a trasposition of figures.

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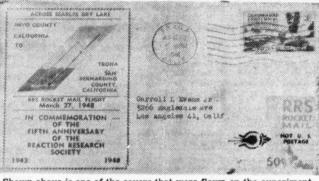
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Cachet Marks City's Centennial

A number of cities throughout the United States are celebrating their centennials this year and in

their centennials this year and in some of them wide awake local stamp clubs are commemorating these occasions with cachets. The city of LaCrosse, Wisconsin has such an event this year, and the Gateway Stamp Club of that city is offering a cachet to collectors in honor of it.

Four days will be set aside by the citizens of that city for the local celebration, July 15-18.

Collectors are to prepare their own covers. They are to add their names and addresses to their own envelopes so that a space of about 2½ x 2½ inches is clear on the left hand side. First class postage must be affixed also, three cents for regular postage, five cents for air mail. Each envelope should have a light cardboard stuffer.

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The prepared covers then should be put in another and larger envelope and addressed to W. J. Boylan, 726 S. 23rd St., Lacrosse, Wis. To help cover expenses, the club asks that one cent per cover be included.

New Catalog Announced Of Exhibition Seals

A third edition of the Catalogue of U. S., Canadian and Cuban Philatelic Exhibition Seals is now of U. S., Canadian and Cuban Philatelic Exhibition Seals is now in preparation, according to Stanley H. Wasson, editor. Many new philatelic seals discovered since the publication of the 1946 edition have been incorporated into the listings and have also been priced. Cuban philatelic seals will be listed for the first time.

The year 1947, the centenary of the first U. S. stamps, saw the issuance of over one hundred seals and labels by the many philatelic societies. The 5c Franklin and 10c Washington stamps (No. 1 & 2) were the center motif of the seals of that year.

This third edition will have over 5000 listings and be of over 80 pages. Clubs and collectors are asked to submit all unlisted material to the editor at 911 Southern Boulevard, New York 59, N. Y.

Rochester Club Installs New Officers

A new slate of officers was recently installed in the Rochester Collectors Club of Rochester, N. Y. Harry Frey is the new president, Adolf Strauss, the vice-president, Paul Dressler, treasurer and the recording and corresponding secretaries are Oswald Bachman and Charles Busch respectively. The club meets the first Monday of each month except July and August in the Labor Lyceum, St. Paul St. in Rochester. Collectors are welcome at these meetings.



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The offers listed include a number of complete mint sets of

ber of complete mint sets of stamps from all countries. The British Colonies and Dominions, Europe, Asia and Oceania are all represented. A very comprehen-sive listing of United States issues has been made, these being quot-ed in singles and blockes of four. All the commemorative stamps of the United States are pictured and for this reason the News will also make a fine reference book-

let.
Jacques Minkus, manager of the department, states that the News is sent to their regular cushus also be obtained tomers, but can also be obtained by other interested collectors by directing a request to him at the above address.

Prizes Given To Cacheted Cover Fans

There were exactly eighteen collectors of cacheted covers who collectors of cacheted covers who received a bit more than a cachet when they sent their covers to Lindsay, Calif. for the Orange Blossom Festival. They received either a package of olives, or oranges, the grand prize winner receiving both. On April 15, two days before the Festival, a drawing was made from the covers that were on hand, eighteen names being selected. Of the eighteen, one was drawn from this group and was designated as the grand award winner. The grand award consisted of a pack of olives and a box of oranges. The orange blossom festival is an annual affair at Lindsay. It is in the heart of the early orange and olive growing country, the town being surrounded for miles by the groves. Fifteen orange packing plants and two olive canneries, one the largest in the world, plus two olive oil plants received a bit more than a cachet

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Busch respectively. The club meets the first Monday of each month except July and August in the Labor Lyceum, St. Paul Stamp Collectors with the proper Masonic affiliations are eligible to become members of the Square and Compass Stamp Club of Los Angeles, Calif. The club extends its offer of membership not only to the collectors in the Los Angeles area, but to member Masons in other parts of the United States. The club meets twice each month, on the second and fourth Tuesdays at the Raymond Ave. school, 75th and Normandie. mandie.

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The recently elected officers are Leroy Smith, president, John Wisehaupt, vice-president, corresponding secretary, Albert J. York, recording secretary, Katheryn L. Taylor and treasurer, Elda E. Wisehaupt. Address of secretary York is 649 E. 99th St., Inglewood, Calif.

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May 28, 29, 30—Seventh International
Pacific Exhibition, New Westminster,
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Germans Sponsor Philatelic Institute

Under the sponsorship of the mayor of Cottbus, Mr. Weihrauch, the dealers and collectors of that German city and the adjacent area have established what is to be known as the "Institute of Philately". The aims and the services to be rendered have been set on a high plane by the interested parties, the intention being to establish a focal point for progressive and intelligent stamp collecting not only for Germany but for the whole world.

The program of the institute has been divided into several sections, the first of which is to be known as the Publisher's Section, and which will be responsible for the publication of a fortnightly magazine, and important handbooks as they are submitted by the Institute members. A Literary section will comb the available material for the formation of a library; the Lecture Section will gather the needed information, picture slides and the movies for the presentation of the hobby from the lecture platform.

In special rooms for the purpose at the Institute, the plans call for the continous exhibitions of various collections as prepared by the Collections section. Another

ious collections as prepared by the Collections section. Another section will be responsible for the section will be responsible for the determination of fraudulent stamps and the dissemination of the information about them. A Press section is to work with the daily and philatelic press of all countries supplying these outlets with the new information and other philatelic news as it appears. A Correspondence section

other philatelic news as it appears. A Correspondence section will serve the Institute as the name implies, while a cooperation section working closely with the Correspondence group is to gain world wide pooling of information and interests.

The single sections will join other sections, according to requirments, for the accomplishment of special tasks. At the head of each section there will be a well-known philatelist who is familiar with the sphere in question. The whole Institute of Philately will be managed by a managing director to whom all the single sections are subordinated. The IP has offered this post to Dr. H. W. Gewande who has accepted H. W. Gewande who has accepted

it.
The literary section, the section lectures, and collections have already started the preliminary

lectures, and collections have already started the preliminary work. The organization of the other sections is imminent.

The head-office of the Institute of Philately is at Cottbus where, in the course of time a house of its own will be found for the purpose in question with offices of all kinds with smaller and larger halls for the meetings and congresses of philatelists. A radio will be provided also the employment of slide projectors and a film projector for the demonstration of professional films. of professional films.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

I have received a number of cards and letters which have told me that the writers had found pairs and blocks of the Mississippi commem that had a perforation missing between the stamps. Are they worth more than the others, how much more, and are they to be considered an error or a rar-ity ask the bulk of the questions. ity ask the bulk of the questions. They are worth no more than the others and would derive no extra value from just one missing perf. And they definitely are no error rarity. It is caused when one of the teeth, or punches on the perforator are broken off. When you find stamps that should be perforated, without any at all, or at the most only one or two, then you have something unusual.

Airmail Week should have air-

mail questions.

1. In what way did the first two issues of air mail stamps dif-fer from the later ones in the matter of prepaying postage on letters?

2. Can you name the various rates that were established for the payment of domestic airmail in 1918?

A number of collectors must have missed the various explanamissed the various explains articles that appeared in the articles and the daily tory articles that appeared in the philatelic press and the daily press in regard to the missing "S" in the seal on the Mississippi stamp. Several have written of this as an error that they have discovered. It is not an error, and it was known long before the stamp, was printed. In fact, the stamp was printed. In fact, the printing of the stamp was held up until the Post Office Department had cleared the legitimacy of the spelling with the Mississippi State Historical Society.

An item in the Daily News (New York City) was sent in by Neil Stack of Brooklyn. The arti-cle urges the POD to issue a set of stamps with the pictures of all the Presidential candidates on them. The idea is that all the backers of each candidate would buy them up by the thousands, and the POD could get out of the

Inasmuch as there were only about 20,000 of the first day cov-ers for the 10c Canal Zone commem on April 17, isn't this a rather small amount, asks Bobby Bozeman of Baton Rouge, La. It is small when one considers that in the United States proper first days usually run over 400,000, and that the first days for foreign issues run over 100,000. It wasn't so long ago that even 1500 first day covers from the Canal Zone was considered very good!

A commemorative cover bearing the special postmark and can-cellation used by the POD to cele-brate Navy Day on April 30, and having a nice cachet was received from H. A. Nestor of Grafton, W. Va. Covers bearing slogan postmarks and different kinds of cancellations make a nice collection, and they are not too expensive to get either since they can be culled from the daily mail. Only exception is when they are special for one day or so as the one above, then it costs a stamp and an envelope and some extra

A DID YOU KNOW ITEM:

Those fancy borders and pictures Those fancy borders and pictures on bonds and postage stamps aren't just for decoration. These are used to foil counterfeiters. Up until 1869, a number of the stamp designs featured lathe work, those fine intricate lines enmeshed with each other in various patterns. After the lines are once made on the master die, it is impossible to duplicate them no matter how skilled the workman, nor how accurate the machine. Since that time, the POD has found less need to protect its

chine. Since that time, the POD has found less need to protect its stamps in this manner, although it still retains the engraving method for recording the designs. When one remembers that all the stamps ever issued in this country except the 1847's and the other series up to 1860 are all valid for the prepayment of postage, that makes a lot of stamps that could be counterfeited. In foreign countries, say for instance Switzerland which is noted for foreign countries, say for instance Switzerland which is noted for the beauty of its stamps, they state that a stamp is good for only so many months, and after that time it will not be valid for postage.

The famous 5c and 10c stamps of 1847 were declared invalid for the payment of postage on July 1, 1851, although covers from various towns are known on which these stamps were used for postage after that date. Owing to the Civil War stamps and stome postage after that date. Owing to the Civil War, stamps and stamp-ed envelopes in current use or available for postage in 1860, were demonetized by various post office orders, beginning in Aug-ust 1861, and extending to the early part of January 1862. A reasonable time after hostili-ties began in 1861 was given for

A reasonable time after hostur-ties began in 1861 was given for the return to the Department of all these (1851-57) stamps in the hands of the postmasters, and as early as 1863 the Department is-sued an order declining to no longer redeem them.

Who first started the idea of collecting plate numbers, and how did they come to command such did they come to command such a premium, asks Barnett Stepak of Bayonne, N. J. It would be hard to pin the idea on any one individual, since it seems that plate numbers were regarded with a speculative eye from the time that they were first used by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. For a while, collectors saved them in strips which bore the number, and the imprint of the Bureau rather than in blocks, or plate number singles.

In this day and age the popular taste calls for plate blocks. It should be remembered that unless you have a plate block of six

should be remembered that un-less you have a plate block of six of a flat plate issue, you do not have a legitimate one. The rotary press printings allow for blocks of four with the plate number at-tached. The extra value comes from the fact that say out of a pane of 50 stamps (commem size) there are only four stamps that pane of 50 stamps (commem size) there are only four stamps that can be used for the plate number. In a pane of regular postage stamps (100 stamps) only one block out of a possible 25 has a plate number. The plate blocks are not priced 24 times higher than an ordinary block even though they are that much searthough they are that much scar-cer. They are usually priced, for the modern issues, about one-fifth higher than an ordinary block.

1. The first two issues of stamps for airmail usage, Scott C1 to C6 were also usable for regular postage, which the ones after that are not. They didn't even carry the word 'Airmail' except C5 which had it as an incidental part of the design.

2. The airmail rates for do-

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2. The airmail rates for domestic postage is given per ounce, and was effective between the dates given as follows:

24c—May 15, 1918 (actually the first airmail stamp, and used on the first route between New York, Philadelphia and Washington. The fee included immediate individual delivery).

16c—July 15, 1918 (rate of postage was reduced to 16c for the first ounce, and 6c for each additional carries and which included.

ditional ounce, and which included immediate delivery.

6c—December 15, 1918 (rate reduced by the Postmaster General's order of November 30,

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Illustrated Price List Of Revenue Stamps

Many collectors who are looking for an interesting and not too expensive sideline to their regular collections might be interested in the revenue stamps of other countries. Many times these fiscals are much more attractive and of a better design than the regular run of the postage and commemorative stamps of any one country.

An offering of fiscals is being made through the medium of a well illustrated price list by William J. Vitale, 1840 S. Fifth St., Alhambra, Calif. It can be had by directing a request to Mr. Vitale at the above address. Many collectors who are look

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reconstruction of communications
damaged by the war. The Japanese characters in the upper left
corner are "AKARUI" meaning
"Communications Exhibition."
The characters at the lower right
corner read "Exhibition during
March and April 1948—Toyko."
The picture on the starm is a

March and April 1948—Toyko."

The picture on the stamp is a Japanese yacht with the famous pine boughs showing, the characters at the bottom of the stamp "Japan Bridge," the supposed center of Tokyo and the place from which all distances from Tokyo are measured. The word is a contraction of Nippon, meaning Japan and Bashi which means bridge, or anyone of a number of things, just like the sound of our word to, too, two. The Japanese character is different but the sound and the Romaji spelling are the same.

are the same.

The ship in the picture is in the "Seto-Maikai" or the Japanese Mediterranian Sea. Seto meaning canal and Maikai meaning inland

we are indebted for this information to Fred G. Weideman who is with GHQ in Japan. We are advised that the legal rate of exchange in Japan is 50 yen for \$100 but that on the black market as many a 200 to 300 yen may be bought for the dollar which can account for some of the low prices that may prevail the low prices that may prevail for Japanese stamps at present.

Pennsylvanians Plan Two Day Exhibition

The Butler County Philatelic Society, of Butler, Pennsylvania, will hold their Sixth Annual Stamp Exhibition and Open House on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23, 1948, in the Display Room of the Standard Motor Company Main Brady Brady

May 22 and 23, 1948, in the Display Room of the Standard Motor Company, Main and Brady Streets, Butler, Pennsylvania.

The Exhibition will consist of approximately 65 large frames of stamps, covers and postal stationery, all belonging to the Society's members. This Exhibition and Bourse of well known dealers will be free and open to the interested public from 12 noon to 10 p. m. on Saturday, May 22, and from 12 noon to 5 p. m. Sunday, May 23.

There will also be a dinner in the Hotel Nixon for all the member and the visiting collectors and dealers, at 6:15 p. m., on Saturday, May 22.

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ROYAL SILVER WEDDING. Word has been received from London that 48 more sets from London that 48 more sets from the Crown Colonies and Dominions will be issued to commemorate the Royal Silver Wedding. Each set will be of two values, one low value corresponding to the current inland letter rate and the other to be the same value as the highest value of the current series. This will produce 21 new 20 shilling or pound values, 13 new 10 shilling values and numerous high dollar and Rupee values. The approximate cost of these new sets at current official exchange rates is rent official exchange rates is about \$130.

This is apparently a bid for American dollars as most of these high values are rarely used for postal purposes. The design will be the same for all sets and the colors will be the same as the covernment of the colors. same as the corresponding values now in use. Protests will probably be useless as the American collectors will buy these high value of the correct left.

erican collectors will buy these high value stamps, especially when they remember that all previous high value commemoratives have substantially increased in value.

The Great Britain Postal Union Congress one Pound stamps now has a catalogue value of \$27.50 mint and \$18.00 used. At a New York auction sale on April 19th, a mint copy sold for \$27. and a used copy for \$21. for \$21.

MAURITIUS. The post office centenary set of 4 bicolored stamps has arrived in the United States and will remain on sale for one year or until stocks are exhausted, whichever is earlier. During the currency of these commemorative stamps, the equivalent values of the per-manent issue will be with-

manent issue will be withdrawn.

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values for these two colonies
were placed on sale in April—
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two more pound stamps for
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HONG KONG. A 20 cent value in
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in Hong Kong on April 1st. On
the same day, the 15 cent and
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Harmer, Rooke & Co. presented the block to the museum some years ago. Now the New York office of this firm offers \$100 for information leading to its return.

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spot 97 miles from the South Pole, he took along a supply of these stamps. They were used by members of the expedition, and many were postmarked at a post office set up by it.

The stamp consists of the green overprint, "King Edward VII Land" reading up in two vertical lines, applied to the New Zealand 1p carmine "Commerce" stamp of 1902. The Shackleton stamp is not listed in the Scott Catalogue, but listed in the Scott Catalogue, but Gibbons' Catalogue prices it at 17sh6p (\$3.50).

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partment found merit. This state-ment was provoked by the number of requests that have been in-troduced into Congress calling for the issuance of commemorative postage stamps for many events, most of which were of no national importance or significance.

It was stated that Congressmen

were submitting to pressure from their home districts much of it selfish and ill-advised.

Several associations whose memberships are composed of the descendants of the Swedish Pioneers who moved to the Mid-West have been quite active in their neers who moved to the Mid-West have been quite active in their efforts to have a stamp issued to celebrate the Centennial. The bulk of these people now live in Illinois, Minnesota and the Dakotas and consequently the Congressmen from these states have been active in behalf of a commemorative stamp. A good deal of the promotional work on the stamp in Washington was spearheaded by Rep. Twyman (R., Ill.)

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headed by Rep. Twyman (R., Ill.)
The stamp for the 100th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma has been under consideration for some time. Interested persons in Oklahoma have been lobbying for such a stamp for at least two-years. With the announcement of this stamp, Oklahoma will have two stamps from within its borders this year. The first the Will Rogers from Claremore, and this new one from Muskogee.
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new one from Muskogee.

The stamp to commemorate the 100 Years of Peace and Cooperation between the United States and Canada will be the one hailed gleefully by the collectors and the citizens of both countries. Too long has this "good neighborliness" gone unrecognized philatelically. No doubt a lot of International meetings will be inspired with the issuance of this stamp over and above those that take place regularly now. It is quite possible that Canada will reciprocate the compliment with the issuance of a stamp also.

The last serious friction be-

The last serious friction be-tween the two countries, and it was not one in which armed forwas not one in which armed forces were involved was in connection with the setting of the boundaries of the Oregon Territory and Canada. This involved the use of that famous slogan, "Fifty-four forty, or fight". The Americans asked that the boundaries be established at 54° 40' of Latitude. The British would not agree. Cool heads on both sides considering the business interests and the nationality of the settlers living there finally set the boundary at 59° Latitude. This is the same Oregon Territory for which a stamp has been announced.

Other news from Washington

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Other news from Washington is to the effect that the Post Office Department has announced that the color of the Four Chaplains stamp will be black. This is the stamp that is to go on sale at Washington, D. C. on May 28 in honor of the four chaplains who lost their lives in one of the most heroic examples of self sacrifice recorded in the war. This color will be quite appropriate in view of the commemoration There have been very few stamps printed in black, that have not

LARGEST ROCKET

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in the flight, the number of orders far exceeded expectations. In order to fill all of the requests which arrived by the deadline of March 13, it was necessary to use light-weight envelopes for most of the covers. Part of these are regular envelopes, and the remainder are air-mail envelopes, with a 2c stamp in addition to the Centennial.

the Centennial. Between dawn and noon on March 27, 1948, eight rockets, each eleven feet long, three inches in diameter, with mail compartments built into their plypartments built into their plywood guiding fins roared over
the glistening expanse of Searles
Dry Lake in the Mojave Desert,
use of which had been granted by
the American Potash and Chemical Corporation. The launching
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and the rockets were fired into
San Bernardino County, in the
postal jurisdiction of Trona.

Of the eight rockets launched,
seven made perfect flights, at-

Of the eight rockets launched, seven made perfect flights, attaining speeds of 400 miles per hour, altitude of about half a mile and an average distance of about a mile. One rocket exploded from a faulty tube a second after leaving the launching rack, but its cargo of 600 letters was undamaged. The flights were photographed by both newspaper and newsreel cameramen from most national agencies.

and newsreel cameramen from most national agencies.
When the mail was retrieved and delivered to Trona Postmaster John B. MacPherson, it was found that he had not been informed of the clearance of the special stamps by United States Attorney James M. Carter, but was still working under an earlier directive forbidding his acceptance of the letters stamped in this way. Society officials promptly began to contact government ance of the letters stamped in this way. Society officials promptly began to contact government agencies and individuals, including Senator Sheridan Downey of California. After more than two weeks, the Post Office Department lifted the ban which had barred the letters from regular postal channels, and the 4200 covers were postmarked at Trona, California, on April 17, 1948. The Society had previously cancelled the rocket stamp.

It is believed that the eight rockets, carrying 4200 covers, constitute the largest rocket mail flight ever held. Of the many rocket mail flights held both in the United States and Europe since 1931, the largest previous flight was held from McAllen, Texas, to Reynosa, Mexico, on July 2, 1936. Six rockets were fired, carrying a total of nearly 2000 covers.

The rocket mail stamps pre-

The rocket mail stamps pre pared by the society were print-ed in blue, and were both per-forated and imperforated. They were made up in blocks of four, bordered with a designation of their origin, use, and date of the

The Reaction Research Society, with headquarters at 3262 Casters Avenue Glendale 8, Califorters Avenue Glendale 8, California, is a non-profit rocket research organization. The Society held this flight to stimulate interest in the possibility of using rockets as long range mail carriers. Society technicians declared that this flight, and the others which have been made in the past, are forerunners of future rocket are forerunners of future rocket mail between cities as far apart as Los Angeles and San Francisco.

cisco.

The rocket mail flight was held at the fifth anniversary of the Society's founding, and proceeds realized from the flight will be used to further Society research. The main Society project at the present time is concerned with the development of a high-altitude.

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of the old values was made by
overprinting three bars over the
original value on each stamp and
adding the new one in the upper
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Firearms Transfer Stamps

by Serge A. Korff

from "The American Revenuer"

In order to meet the demands for stamps when the 1934 law was enacted, the Bureau had some of the current \$1 revenue stamps overprinted "National Firearms Act" until the definitive issue could be prepared. These stamps became obsolete later in this same year (1934) when the current green stamp appeared; although it was possible to buy them at various offices for some time thereafter. Few collectors knew about this new issue, so comparatively few of the surcharged stamps came into the philatelic field.

The present issue is a green stamp 18mm horizontally by 34 mm vertically, on ordinary revenue paper, watermarked USIR Issued For Exhib mm vertically, on ordinary revenue paper, watermarked USIR and perforated eleven. The design consists of an eagle surmounted by thirteen stars and the legend "United States International Revenue" around it. Below is a legend "National Firearms Act, One Dollar". The \$200 blue stamp is similar in general design and inscription, except that space is provided for a serial number printed in red ink.

The green \$1 stamp is printed by the flat-plate process in sheets of fifty, ten horizontal by five vertical, with no marginal characteristics whatever. The sheet has straight edges all around and On Sunday May 23, the Suburban Collectors Club of Chicago is sponsoring a one day exhibition and bourse to be held in the Hinsdale Community House. In commemoration of the occasion, the club has produced two impersents

of fifty, ten horizontal by five vertical, with no marginal characteristics whatever. The sheet has straight edges all around and therefore twenty-six stamps per sheet have straight edges, the four corner ones having two. Hence there are only twenty-four stamps per sheet with perforations on all sides, and the largest square block completely perforated is of nine, although of course, an oblong block of three by eight is possible. Centering is much better, on the average, than for most current revenue stamps. Occasional gumcreases are found.

The blue \$200 stamp is issued in booklets, four to a page. The serial number appears on the page and on the stamp, and the buyer's name and other data are entered in the book opposite the number of the stamp he has bought. These stamps are bought almost entirely by manufacturers. The four

of the stamp he has bought. These stamps are bought almost entirely by manufacturers. The four stamps all have a straight edge at the right, and the top and bottom ones have top and bottom straight edges, as well. The serial numbers are still quite low, reflecting the scarcely surprising fact that not many of these stamps have been bought. Book Number 31 is currently available for sale in Washington, and three stamps out of this have been sold to collectors. The centering of these stamps is pretty good. Since not many machine-guns are sold to individuals, it seems un-

Since not many machine-guns are sold to individuals, it seems unlikely that many of these stamps will come on the market for users. Both the \$1 and the \$200 stamps may be bought over the counter or by mail in any quantity by private collectors, for face value, from the Bureau of Internal Revenue, Office of the Deputy Collector, Room 1002, Internal Revenue Building, 12th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D. C. Some local Revenue Offices also have these stamps. ton 25, D. C. Some local revenue Offices also have these stamps. The writer has been unable to locate any Governmental supply of the old-style, surcharged ones; these have been presumably exhausted some time ago.

Dates, Place Of Texas Convention, Show Named

Final arrangements have been made as to the location and the dates of the exhibition and con-vention of the Texas Philatelic Association. Dates have been set for September 24, 25 and 26, the place, the Hotel Galvez, Galvesplace, the Hotel Galvez, Galveston, Texas. It was thought that Abilene would be able to go ahead with the original plans, but due to unforseen circumstances, the club and the collectors of that city had to abandant the collectors of the club and the collectors of the city had to abandant the city had the city had to abandant the city had the city

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stamped as above should make a nice collectors item, since it is in the nature of a provisional indication of the prepayment of postage.

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Due to the fact that he will be in New York to attend the H. R. Harmer auction of the material International Refugee tion, and to attend to for the International Refugee Organization, and to attend to other business, K. Bileski of Winnipeg, Canada will not be able to give his usual attention to incoming mail. He asks that his customers and other correspondents make an allowance of about ten days delay, which is the number of days he expects to be away from his desk. the to be away from his desk.

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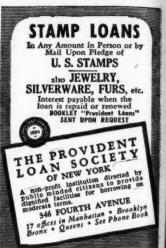
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For more than 2 years now, I have scribbled out thousands of words in an effort to put over the absolute desirability of these Pages so can appreciate Mr. Thorp's well chosen sentences. Here they are:

"As to his "Title Pages"-I wish it were possible to give a word picture that would, in even a small way, convey the impressive beauty and execution of these fabulously beautiful creations. It is futile to state that they are created by Arthur Szyk-if not the greatest then certainly one of the greatest miniature artists of all time. Futile to say that these creations have been reproduced by Arthur Jaffe, the world's foremost expert in color collotype production - a method of reproduction heretofore reserved for making reproductions of masters paintings that hang in the great art centers of the world. Such things merely explain the descriptive cachet "no expense has been spared" one so often sees advertised. But as most anyone can attest from personal experience, the "no expense has been spared" line does not guarantee a job of perfection. Mr. Bileski's "Title Pages" have achieved perfection. This scribe has no hesitancy in advising everyone to acquire at least one of these objects d'art. It will be your most prized philatelic possession.'

That is a very apt sentence "It will be your most prized philatelic possession".

Mr. Thorp mentions that the Pages are reproduced by the color collotype method. Actually only one is, at present. Balance are printed by the finest multi-color lithography process in existence.

The story of these Pages is well known. There are now Pages for seven different nations plus one for the field of airmails. It has taken 2 years to produce these 8. They don't come out very often because it costs \$12,000.00 to finance one page, excluding all advertising. On that I have spent some \$20,000.00 to date and eventually the sum of haif a million dollars will go out for advertising. Why not? These will become one of the greatest artistic series in world art history. Philately will certainly not suffer because of their existence.

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There are now about 3,000 subscribers so there is still quite a way to go to the 10,000. This advertisement will be read by at least 100,000 collectors as is appears in nearly every stamp magazine on this continent. It would be delightful to have at least 7,000 of these suddenly decide to get behind this project but am afraid it will take quite a few more years of advertising before the goal is reached.

Not a week passes by but someone or other (who has never seen the Pages) writes me "Sorry old man but I only collect U. S. A. and can't use your Pages". A very practical argument but it only shows the writer hasn't the slightest idea what these Pages are or their purpose,

Really it doesn't matter what one collects; U. S. A. or Timbuctu or even street car transfers. These Pages are worth collecting on their own merits and trying to value them on a dollar and cent basis is like trying to place a cash value on a sunset. Beauty in any form has value beyond all practical considerations.

Some collectors will rediscover the beauties and romance of Philately in gazing at these Pages. What howev happening is that non-collectors begin to talk about stamp collecting. I have over 400 subscribers now, who do not c stamps at all, yet many are asking questions and seeking advice feeling that there must be something to Philately can inspire such superiative beauty.

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I have also made it a practice to donate sets to be used as prizes at stamp exhibitions and conventions. Will secretaries of such undertakings please write in for particulars.

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